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FACT SHEET

FY07 Budget Week

SANDERS ADDS \$38 MILLION TO POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

*FY07 Budget Enhancements will help Departments
Address Long Ignored Staffing, Equipment Needs*

Public Safety Committee Chair Brian Maienschein Commends Mayor for Public Safety Support.

As part of his FY07 budget, Mayor Jerry Sanders today announced that he will proactively address long-ignored fiscal and managerial issues by adding \$38 million to the budgets of the San Diego Police and Fire Departments.

The Mayor's budgetary enhancements address a number of issues that have been swept under the rug for years in order to falsely balance the City's budget. Elements of the enhancements include:

- **Overtime for the Police Department will be fully funded (\$8.6 million).** In the past, the department has been instructed to absorb the overtime by not filling vacant positions or from operational savings. Those days are over. As part of his promise to bring transparency and truthfulness to City budgeting, the Mayor has ordered that practice to end. The department will now be able to fully staff to 2,100 sworn law enforcement officers.
- **Fully funding Community Service Officers for the Police Department and other "Supplemental" Positions at both departments (\$12.4 million).** Much like overtime, both departments were told to pay for positions out of operational savings. This practice has also ended. The practice of having phantom employees (or "supplemental" employees as they are called in City parlance) has also ended. Both departments will now be able to use an equivalent amount of money for their real needs.

- **Equipment Enhancements for both departments (\$7.7 million).** For years, both departments have gone without critical equipment. While acknowledging that this will not address or solve all of the equipment needs, the Mayor believes that this is a step in the right direction.
- **Capital Improvements and Deferred Maintenance at Fire Stations (\$6 million).** As the City's financial condition has worsened, the condition of our many fire stations have deteriorated. While not addressing or solving the many problems, this is a start.
- **Information Technology Needs for both departments (\$3.12 million).**
- **This budget will not focus on salary or benefit increases for any City employees.** The Mayor is committed to creating a fair, competitive and sustainable salary and benefit structure for the City's workforce.

Over the next year, the Mayor's office will be conducting a comprehensive review of salary and benefit levels for all employees, including public safety. When the City returns to the bargaining table with Police and Fire next year, it will be that structure that will serve as the starting point for negotiations.

FY07 BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS

San Diego Police Department

ITEM CATEGORY	BUDGET ENHANCEMENT AMOUNT
Fully fund overtime	\$8.6 million
Fully fund 96 positions, including 46 Community Service Officers and 50 positions classified as "supplemental"	\$6.4 million
Information Technology Needs	\$3.0 million (of \$6.0 million request)
Equipment Enhancements	\$1.5 million
Fund "pay in lieu"	\$1.0 million
Fund "special pay"	\$3.7 million
TOTAL	\$24.2 MILLION

San Diego Fire Department

ITEM CATEGORY	BUDGET ENHANCEMENT AMOUNT
Fully fund "supplemental" positions	\$1.3 million
Equipment Enhancements	\$6.2 million
Deferred Maintenance/Capital Improvements to Fire Facilities	\$6 million
Information Technology Needs	.12 million
TOTAL	\$13.62 MILLION

Sanders on Public Safety Budgets

“My budget is our starting point to stabilize the City of San Diego and begin to give public safety the resources they need to do their jobs. It’s not a fix-all – not by a long shot. No one should believe that I am solving all of the City’s long-ignored public safety needs. I won’t be able to do that in one year. It will take years to solve the problems that were created as a result of years’ worth of neglect and incompetence.

“We need new fire stations and new equipment for both departments. That takes money – money we don’t have at the moment. It also takes planning. We’ll use the next year to address the issues and identify solutions.”

Mayor Jerry Sanders